

and will guide and inspire generations to come: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) has learned with profound sorrow of the death of Nelson Mandela, former President of the Republic of South Africa;

(2) tenders its deep sympathies to the members of the family of the late President Nelson Mandela and his fellow citizens;

(3) honors the life, accomplishments, and legacy of former President Nelson Mandela and for his friendship to the United States;

(4) requests the Secretary of State to communicate these expressions of sentiment to the family of the deceased and to the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa; and

(5) requests that when the House adjourns today it do so as a mark of respect to the memory of the late President Nelson Mandela.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CORRECTIONS TO THE ENROLLMENT OF H.J. RES. 59

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a concurrent resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 72

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That, in the enrollment of the resolution H. J. Res. 59, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following corrections:

(1) Strike "That" before "DIVISION A—BIPARTISAN BUDGET AGREEMENT".

(2) Amend the title so as to read: "Joint resolution reducing spending, and for other purposes."

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS ASSISTANCE TAX CLARIFICATION ACT OF 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Ways and Means be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3458) to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3458

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Fallen Firefighters Assistance Tax Clarification Act of 2013".

SEC. 2. PAYMENTS BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN FIREFIGHTERS TREATED AS EX-EMPT PAYMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, payments made to—

(1) any firefighter who was injured as a result of the ambush of firefighters responding to an emergency on December 24, 2012, in Webster, New York.

(2) the spouse of any firefighter who died as a result of such ambush, or

(3) any dependent (as defined in section 152 of such Code) of any firefighter who died as a result of such ambush,

by an organization described in paragraph (1) or (2) of section 509(a) of such Code shall be treated as related to the purpose or function constituting the basis for such organization's exemption under section 501 of such Code if such payments are made in good faith using a reasonable and objective formula which is consistently applied.

(b) APPLICATION.—Subsection (a) shall apply only to payments made on or after December 24, 2012, and before the later of—

(1) January 1, 2014, or

(2) the date which is 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ADJOURNMENT FROM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2013, TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m., Monday, December 16, 2013.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for rollcall 640. If I had been present, I would have voted "yes."

I want to state for the RECORD that I am very disappointed that in the bill we did not include unemployment insurance. I think it is terrible that the people in the people's House will go home without voting for unemployment for the people.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HON. MEL WATT FOR HIS SERVICE

(Mr. PRICE of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am going to ask our North Carolina colleagues to join me here, along with the dean of our delegation, Mr. COBLE.

Mr. Speaker, our colleague of many years, MEL WATT, has just cast his last vote in this body. MEL WATT, the Representative of the Twelfth Congressional District, from Charlotte, North Carolina, has just been confirmed by the Senate to be the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, so he is going to leave us after today to take over that position.

HOWARD COBLE and I are the deans of our respective parties in the House delegation from North Carolina, and we both wanted the House to pause to pay tribute to Mel for his service and his dedication to this institution.

I am happy at this point to yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE), my colleague.

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my distinguished friend from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE). I appreciate that.

You have already indicated where Mel is going to be going. I hope he won't ignore us when he meets us on the streets or in these Halls. I don't think he will.

Mel and I have shared several counties in North Carolina for nearly two decades. We both sat as members of the House Judiciary Committee for also two decades.

Mel, we wish you and your family best wishes.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. I thank the gentleman.

I want to make note of the fact that Mel's wife, Eulada, is in the gallery tonight. On behalf of my wife, Lisa, and myself, we have considered the Watts good friends, colleagues, shared many experiences together, and we are going to miss them both a great deal, although we take some solace in the thought that they are not going too far and that we will have chances to be together as Mel assumes this new role.

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Mr. Speaker, MEL WATT is a legislator's legislator. We sometimes say that about colleagues. If there is any doubt about that, it would have been dispelled by what we just heard in the committee room this afternoon as colleague after colleague from the Judiciary and Financial Services Committees, from both sides of the aisle, paid tribute to this fine friend and colleague.

There were many stories of collaboration, of disputes and fights that were nonetheless civil and respectful, of mentorship of younger Members. There is just no question that MEL has made his imprint on this institution. As a man of great intelligence and expertise, he is admirably qualified for the job he is about to assume, but also a mainstay of legislative work in the committees that he served on during his entire time here, Financial Services and Judiciary.

We are going to miss him. I probably speak for others in the delegation; but, actually, I will just speak for myself. I know when the votes occur, the rollcall votes occur, that is a name I check, just like I used to check John Spratt's name. There are a few colleagues that one respects so much that you want to make sure you are not going too far astray when you cast those votes. I will miss MEL in that very practical way.

We will not take much time here this evening. It is mainly a matter here, as the votes come to a close and MEL casts his last vote before this body, testifying to how highly we regard this